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PATENT APPLICATION



10-2800 MAIL ROOM
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KEISUKE ARAKI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/127,031

Filed: July 31, 1998

For: OPTICAL ELEMENT AND OPTICAL
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Examiner: T. Nguyen
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January 26, 2004
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(Monday)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated September 24, 2003, for one (1) month from December 24, 2003, to Monday, January 26, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

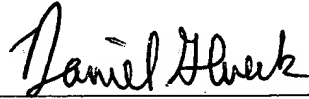
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Respectfully submitted,



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